

DSCA Executive Seminar Information Paper

SUBJECT: Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) Executive Seminar (ES)

1. Purpose. To provide information regarding the NORTHCOM DSCA Executive Seminar.
2. Background. The DSCA mission is an important and honored undertaking conducted by United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) in the homeland. DSCA constitutes the provision of civil support as directed or requested to those governmental or agency-based entities in need of Department of Defense (DOD) capabilities.
3. Seminar Purpose. The DSCA ES is the Commander USNORTHCOM's strategic outreach program to educate a wide variety of senior officials involved in emergency response on the planning, coordination and execution of DSCA operations. The DSCA ES provides a forum for discussion of legal – constitutional, and federal statutory and regulatory -- requirements and DOD policies, directives, plans, command and control relationships, and capabilities with regard to DOD support for domestic emergencies, designated law enforcement, and other emergency management and crisis response activities, policies and procedures.
4. Format. The seminars normally hosts 18-22 executive/senior participants from the Department of Defense, Federal, State, local and tribal agencies, non-governmental (to include non-profit and private sector) organizations, and international representatives. The method of instruction includes presentations by subject matter experts employing facilitated discussion and illustrations, as conducted over a period of two days. However, on occasion the DSCA ES can be tailored to fit specific regional or national needs on a case-by-case basis.
5. Content. The seminar consists of the following objectives:
 - a. Gain an understanding of the national response profile across all levels of response, and discuss DOD's role and specific responsibilities as a supporting agency. Participants also learn about the National Response Framework (NRF), Emergency Support Functions (ESF), National Exercise Program, and other agencies' complementary capabilities.
 - b. Discuss roles of primary agencies for federal response. Further understand the emergency response statutes, authorities, DOD Total Force directives, policies, strategies, plans, and organizations responsible for responding to disasters and emergencies.
 - c. Become familiar with a wide array of capabilities the DOD may be called upon to employ and discuss the role communications and leadership play in response operations.
6. Seminar Administration. USNORTHCOM J7, Training and Exercise Directorate, will plan and execute the seminar in coordination with DHS and other applicable agencies. The program managers and points of contact for the DSCA Executive Seminar are Mr. Dexter Frederick, dexter.frederick@northcom.mil, (719) 474-8320 and Mr. Gary Moore, gary.moore.ctr@northcom.mil, (719) 474-8319.